WOULD OUST SHERIFF FOR NONENFORCEMENT OF LAW

BOLSHEVIKI BREAK OFF NEGOTIATIONS

Germans Obliged to Nail Their Lips With Formula Put Forward by Socialists—Russian **Revolution Cannot Accept Conditions** To Retain Poland or Lithuania.

London, Jan. 2.-Peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been broken off by the bolshevik government, owing to the German attitude in regard to Poland and Lithuania and the enemy's proposal that garrisons be retained at Libau, Riga, and elsewhere, according to a telegram from the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News, appearing in a late edition of that paper today.

The dispatch quotes an article from the bolshevik newspaper Izvestia, discussing "the new phase in the peace negotiations." The article says that, owing to pressure from below, the Germans have been obliged to soil their lips with the formula put forward by the socialists at the beginning of the war, but the German imperialists would not be imperialists if they did not try to take back in fact what, with gritted teeth, they yielded in words.

"The Russian revolution cannot accept their conditions to retain Poland and Lithuania. Just you try it, gentlemen," says the Izvestia.

central powers in Italy continue also

NEW DECLARATIONS.

is added that modifications may be in-

troduced owing to the attitude of the

UNCOMPROMISING ATTITUDE.

'I have private and reliable infor-

off of the peace negotiations, which establishes beyond doubt the honesty of purpose of the bolsheviki," says the

correspondent, whose dispatch is dated Tuesday. "The central powers proceeded to make a more detailed

statement of terms, from which it ap-peared that they considered Poland, Lithuania, Courland, etc., had already

defined themselves. They further based their demand on the statement of the

ULkraine that it would not recognize

"The Russian delegation, acting on unequivocal instructions from the bol-

shevik authorities, took an uncompro-mising attitude. They said self-defi-nition was impossible until the last

German soldier had left the country. Further, they jeered the Germans, asking what they proposed to do. They

had such audacity.
"The Germans asked time for con-

ent, will probably be embarrassed by the further demand that large num-bers of civilians who had been taken to Germany and forced to labor be re-

FROM NEW YORK SCHOOLS

New York, Jan. 2.—Elimination of the so-called "Gary plan" from the public school system of New York city was o reered by Mayor Hylan in ad-

dressing the seven members of the new board of education which today assumed their dutiees. He said the

LITTLE ACTIVITY NOTED

"GARY PLAN" DROPPED

this and left Brest-Litovsk.'

with regard to the breakir

negotiations

entente powers.

gic points.

will demand the return of Tripoli.

This is the line, the correspondent of the Dally News adds, that probably will be taken at a general meeting tonight (Tuesday) to consider the report of the Russian peace delegates.

The bolshevik alm, he adds, is a world revolution of peace on their own terms which they think will discredit the imperialists generally.

The correspondent continues: "And, if in the long run, Russia is driven to conclude a separate peace on any other terms, I prophesy that the Russian signatories to such a peace will not be beisticviti, but mem-bers of opposition political parties."

Negotiations for a general peace at the Daily News correspondent when the meeting which is said to have reuntil Jan. 4. Since then at Brest Litovsk and in Petrograd representatives of Russia and the central powhave been discussing informally an alleged rupture of points to be settled in the event of several days ago when the discussions a peace agreement being reached. Propeace agreement being reached. Provisional agreement has been reached on some points, but the Russian proposals regarding occupied territories were not received with favor, apparently, by the Germans. A report from Amsterdam on Dec. 31 said that Dr. Von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, would appear before the foreign committee of the German indesrath on Wednesday to explain the status of the Russian negotiations.

DEMAND RETURN OF TRIPOLI. London, Jan. 2.-Weltman Pavlo-vitch, a nonbolshevik member of the Russian delegation to Brest-Livotsk, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd, says that the German attitude in regard to the freeing of occupied Russian territories de-pends entirely on the relationship of the bolshevik government with the Ukraine and the Cossacks. He adds that if the entente allies refuse to negotiate a general peace Germany will not consider her declarations to the bolsheviki binding.

asked whether they intended to take Petrograd and feed 3,000,000 starving folk. or to disarm a revolutionary foundamental war aims.

I. Paylovitch added, is to create an conomic union stretching from Ham-M. Paylovitch added, is to create an economic union stretching from Hamburg to the Persian gulf. The representatives of Bulgari aand Turkey. Russian delegate said, are most obsti-nate regarding concessions and he be-lieves their attitude will hamper further negotiations.

M. Pavlovitch thinks Germany will

demand the evacuation of Mesopota-mia, Arabia and Palestine for the freeing of Belgium and occupied French territory, and, if the successes of the

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DELAYS ARE DAN-The Chattanooga News, Chattanooga

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Paris, Jan. 2.—In a New Year's order of the day Gen. Petain, French commander-in-chiet, says to his troops: "Officers, subalterns, soldiers, 1918 is here. The struggle must continue. The fate of France requires it. Be patient, be persistent.

be persistent.
"In the attack, as in the defense, you have shown your worth. Each time you have attacked the enemy has retired. Each time he has attempted to break through you have stopped him. It will be the same tomorrow. same tomorrow

"The default of the Russians has not shaken your faith. I take this occasion to assure you that the co-operation the United States is become more powerful every day are firmly determined the limited states in the co-operation of the United States is become more powerful every day are firmly determined the co-operation of the peace for your chical call for peace, thos persistent fix the ditions of peace.

peace.
"I salute your flags and in addressing to you my most affectionate wishes for 1918 I express to you once again my pride in commanding you and my full confidence in the fu-ture."

FREEZE RETARDS WORK IN FRANCE

Additional Hardships Fall to Lot of Soldiers-Transportation Handicaped.

Paris, Jan. 2.—Another heavy fall of snow in eastern and central France and in the Vosges has greatly in-creased transportation difficulties. Lyons, with zero temperature, almost un heard of there, is snowbound. The London, Jan. 2.—The central powers within the next ten days will make Lyons-Mediterranean line has can-celed a considerable number of trains, new declarations regarding Germany's peace conditions, a dispatch from Geneva to the Daily Express quotes the Munich Nachrichten as saying. It and the few still running are hours late. St. Etienne, in the heart of the great ironworking district of central France, is under three feet of snow, and the railroads in the region are

blocked.

Paris and northern France, curiously enough, are far more favored as
regards both temperature and snow
than central and southern France, and
transportation of the armies is going
on without interruption. London, Jan. 2.—The Daily News correspondent says that considerable numbers of red guards are being sent to reinforce the front and other prep-nrations for defense are being made. It is not clear from the dispatch of

PROBABLE GERMAN DRIVE STILL PENDS

Gen. Maurice Declares Troops the American delegates headed by Col. E. M. House as President Wilson's Are Being Diverted From East for Lunge.

London, Jan. 2 .- The probability of Germany now taking a vigorous offen- countries associated with them in the sive attitude on the western front was pointed out by Maj.-Gen. F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, in his weekly by talk to the Associated Press today.

There was two factors that con-tributed to this probability, the general said, the first being the steady complishing this result by a systematic flow of German reinforcements from co-ordination of resources of men and eral said, the first being the steady the eastern front, and the second the fact that the American forces were not yet ready to take any considerable part in the operations.

The public should be prepared, Gen.

peace negotiations at which it was not officially represented. They de-manded that they should keep garri-sons at Riga, Libau and other strate-Maurice said, for some losses of both ground and men if the Germans atempt really determined offensive operations. They would not, however, e able to inflict any such losses on the allies as the latter had inflicted on the Germans during the last year, he

ARMY ORDERS SHOW

mans proposed to say to their own democracy, which protested a couple of months ago against the proposed annexation of Poland and Lithuania. They remarked that they were surprised that even the Prussian junkers sideration and begged that this stage of the negotiations should not be pub-lished. The Russians refused to allow command the Eighty-fifth division from independent action. at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Mich.: "A summary of the results accom-Brig.-Gen. William G. Haan, formerly plished at their conferences and of this and left Brest-Litovsk."

The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News says the Russians demand that all socialists imprisoned in Germany be released immediately. Count Von Mirbach, head of the German politi al delegation in Petrograd, replied that this was a political question and that the delegation was only empowered to deal with technical matters. The correspondent reports that the Russians insisted, however, and that Count Von Mirbach agreed to transmit the demand to the German government.

the Thirty-second division.

The orders contain also the formal assignment of Maj.-Gen. Charles H. Muir to command the Fifth division, regulars, at Camp Logan, Houston,

ADVENTISTS TO GIVE HELP TO ARMENIANS

clothing, will be given in Seventh-day many and Austria-Hungary.

Adventist churches throughout the United States and Canada in a special active utilization of American naval offering Saturday, Jan. 12. The forissued an urgent appeal from its head-quarters at Tacoma Park, Md., saying a terrible toll of death has come to Through a new interallied organizathose nationalities from starvation.

JUDGE KEITH, VETERAN.

Richmond. Va., Jan. 2.—Judge Jas. Keith, 73 years old, former president of the supreme court of appeals of Virginia, a Confederate veteran who assumed their dutiess. He said the Gary pian was "imported" by the previous administration and became a political issue "because holders of political office sought by use of the powers of their brief authority and by control of the funds of the city to dictate school policies." served in the Civil war as a member of the famous Black Horse cavalry, and at one time a member of the legslature, died today at his home here

TEXAS QUARANTINING AGAINST PINK WEEVIL

ASIDE FROM ARTILLERY Berlin, Jan. 2 .- (Via London.) - Aside Houston, Tex., Jan. 2.-Quarantine of from heavy artillery firing at points three counties and part of four others on the Franco-Belgian and Italian to eradicate pink boll worm pest fronts, little activity in any war thea- was decided upon here today, Fred fronts, little activity in any war thea-ter is disclosed by today's official comtee, announced.

COL. HOUSE SAYS RUSH TROOPS TO FRENCH FRONT

Recommendation of American Delegates on Returning From Inter-Allied War Council.

POOLING WAR RESOURCES

Supreme War Council Designed as Next Move.

Plans Worked Out for United States to Visualize Problem of Food Control.

Washington, Jan. 2.-American roops are to be rushed to Europe in he large and as constant a stream as is humanly possible. The allied nations will so arrange their shipping as to provide the necessary transport. The merchant ship building program must be rushed. There is to be closer co-operation of all the co-belligerents to present a single and united front to German autocracy. The part of the United States has been clearly defined and arrangements made to carry it

These are the principal results, as they affect America, of the recent interallied war council in Paris, an nounced today for the first time by the state department.

These recommendation, made by the American delegates, of whom Col. E. M. House, President Wilson's personal representative, was the head, are the result of the great council of heads of all the co-belligerents,

Constant and speedy dispatch of American troops to the European battlefront is the principal recommendation made to the government by the American delegates who recently returned from the interallied war council at Paris.

Speeding up of the merches ship building nuguan are sheeter to operation with the co-belligerents are the other principal recommendations.

other principal recommendations.
This was disclosed today by state department, which made public a summary of the result of the con-

The principal recommendations of personal representative are:
"That the United States exert all their influence to secure the entire unity of effort, military, naval and economic, between themselves and the

"Inasmuch as the successful termination of the war by the United States and the allies can be greatly hastened by the extension of the United States shipping program, that the govern-ment and the people of the United States bend every effort toward ac-

United States be dispatched to Europe the least possible delay, inci-to training and equipment." Report Filed by Col. House. dent to training

The following statement the depart-ment made public in connection with a review of the report filed with

the department of state by Col. House, the head of the special war mission which visited Great Britain and France in November, shows that it succeeded in its purpose of reaching a definite working plan for the prosecu-NUMEROUS CHANGES the governments represented at tion of the war through co-operation of conferences held in Paris in the vari-Washington, Jan. 2.—Army orders ous fields of activity, and through oday show numerous changes in the marshaling the resources of the nassignments of general officers. Maj.- tions at war with the central powers James Parker, formerly com- and co-ordinating their uses manding the Thirty-second division a common authority, thus avoiding the Lucy Threet, Salem. Ala. at Camp McArthur, Waco, Tex., goes waste and uncertainties that arise

Brig.-Gen. William G. Haan, formerly planed at their contrehences and of commanding the Fifty-seventh field artillery brigade, takes command of the Thirty-second division.

The orders contain also the formal

they indicate that the conferences were inspired by the desire to be mutually helpful, and, second, because the agreements which were reached, when Washington, Jan. 2.—Help for the Armenian and Syrian people, many of whom have died for want of food and the allies in the conflict against Ger-

forces and an agreement was made with the British admiralty to effect certain plans for anti-submarine war-

tion for co-ordinating shipping re-sources, arrangements have been made

DIES AT RICHMOND SNOW, SAYS BILLY 'POSSUM



all a-flurry; I pal-pitate within. What could that shake and flare and crash At dawn this morning been? I have but one solution That might help in any way-Spontaneous combustion of those New Year's things Conditions favorsnow to-Thursday

night.

Ione Zollner today filed with Judge E. T. Sanford, of the United States district court

Knoxville, Jan. 2.-Baroness

BARONESS ZOLLNER GETS HABEAS CORPUS

here, a petition for release upon a writ of habeas corpus. The petition will be heard in Knox-ville within the next twenty days. Meanwhile the woman is held in jail in Chattanooga, where she was arrested about three weeks ago. She is charged with being guilty of a violation of the espionage act. In her petition she admits that Licut. J. W. Spaulding boarded with her in Annapolis and that an affidavit was executed by him, in which "foolish" language was used as descriptive of the insanitary condition of building, in substantiation of the her representations to the land-lord. This paper had been regarded by officials as suspi-cious. She admitted that she and Spaulding had a code of a and Spaulding had a code of a few words, which he was to use in indicating the port from which he would sail, should he go overseas, and he would add the word "lovingly" if he could see her at that point.

Last week the baroness was held to federal court on the cspionage charge. Lieut. Spaulding is at Fort Oglethorpe. He was in the haroness' room at the time of her arrest.

SOUTH TO LOSE HALF RAILROAD SERVICE SOON

May Divert Engines and Cars to East to Relieve Serious Congestion There.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Removal of lo-comotives from the Southern railway system, the Nashville, Chattanooga & system, the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis rallway and other lines touching Chattanooga was forecast here today as a result of a readjustment of railroad equipment by Secretary McAdoo with a plan to extend result to eastern states which are in the grip of a fuel famine.

Locomotives and cars may be diverted shortly from all southern terminals and sent to New York, New

and sent to New England territory and eastern Ohio to relieve shortages in those sections. Curtailment of passenger service between Chattanooga and the east is ments which Secretary McAdoo is undertaking. Officials said today the service might be cut in half between the south and eastern cities. Such an arrangement would leave only the fastest trains on the Southern railway from Chattanooga to points east.

That the selection of Secretary Me Adoo as director-general of the railroads was a pleasing appointment to Tennesseans is reflected in the statements of the state delegation in con gress and those visiting

McKellar Indorses McAdoo. Particularly pleased with the ap-pointment of Mr. McAdoo was Senator McKellar. He declared that Secretary McAdoo, although already burdened war tasks, will work a change in the general transportation system that will be gratifying to his state.

"Secretary McAdoo was the right man for director-general of the railroads," declared Senator McKellar, "He will institute such reforms that the roads will never go back to private

SEVEN DEATHS ARE REPORTED BY PERSHING

Washington, Jan. 2.-Seven deaths were reported today by Gen. Pershing. stevedore regiment, spinal meningitis, brother Cliff Edwards, 2612 E Alley, Birmingham, Ala.; and Private Henry Threet, stevedore, pneumonia,

TWELVE INCHES OF SNOW IN VIRGINIA

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 2.-Snow which egan falling early today had reached a depth (new fall) of tweive inches by the conferences and which are at 3 p.m. and was still falling. The pleasing aroused residents of Coltewah recommended in the report."

"The results of the conferences, as here since early December, and several lev and in that section the general cushown in the report, are most graffy-inches already was on the grounding to this government, first because Fuel shortage, which had begun to cause concern, was relieved today when state and local fuel authorities took over twenty-five cars en route to other points to be distributed through centers. N. D. Maher, president of the N. & W., placed at the disposal of the fuel commission two motor trucks be used day and night" until urgent

MANY WOR MEASURES

Boston, Jan. 2.—The Massachusetts legislature convened today for its annual session with the prospect of hav-ing to consider many measures connected with the war.

nage possible for the transportation of American troops. The contribution of the United States to a pooling of war resources was agreed upon. The arrangement guarantees full equipment of every kind will be available to all American forces sent to Europe during 1918.

Arrangements were made to have the United States participate in mil-tary deliberations of a supreme war council "as a step toward efficient and centralized unity of control of military operations.

Plans also were worked out where-by, in order to permit the United States to visualize the problem of food control at home. Great Britain, France and Italy agreed to put in legalized

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OUSTER BILL FILED **AGAINST NICK BUSH**

Charged With Failure to En force Law During Recent Strikes Action on Relation of Atty. Gen. Thompson-Manufacturers and Business Men Are Behind the Suit.

The long predicted has occurred.

Upon the relation of the state's attorney-general, Frank M. Thompson, ouster proceedings were instituted in Chanellor W. B. Garvin's court against Sheriff Nick P. Bush at 3 p.m. today. The attorney-general is assisted by W. B. Miller, and the bill is exclusively upon the state's relation, the ten citizens' clause not being brought into play.

The bill is voluminous, setting out numerous complaints and charges against the sheriff's administration. The meat in the account, however, is directed squarely at the sheriff's position in connection with the recent street carmen's and textile strike.

It is charged that the sheriff misdemeaned himself in office and is guilty chiefly of acts of omission, failing to enforce the law and absenting himself when most needed in the recent rioting and general strike disorders.

Though little is known of what interests besides the state are be hind the present action, Mr. Miller has been employed by private individuals who are anxious to sustain the charge and secure the sheriff's removal.

Up until 4 o'clock Judge Garvin had taken no action on the bill. In the event the sheriff is successfully removed, the coroner, Jack O'Donohue would fill the vacancy until the next election.

J. H. Wilson and Gaston C. Raoul were of a committee of about sixty-five which represented certain manufacturers and business men in bringing this action.

MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION SHOCKS CITY AT DAWN

residences and buildings in Chatta- of Mrs. or Miss So and So what had happened; business men discussed the nooga and surrounding section for a matter and offices of the newspapers distance of sixty miles occurred about were deluged with inquiries. 6 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Preceding the mysterious report bright light made the sky lurid and obliterated the shades of darkness for possibly a minute.

The light was high overhead and traveled southward at a rapid rate. Persons who saw it were filled with wonder and, while racking their brains in an effort to arrive at some explanation of its presence in the heavens were startled by the basso detonation that followed. The report lasted but an instant before its echo died; the light vanished and darkness again settled down, only to be filtered and later blotted out by the rays of the dawn.

The probable solution, backed by Ooltewah and reports were that the teor, hurrying onward through space. shed its glare over the earth and later ran amuck on some mountainside south of here and exploded.

Investigation revealed that munition plants and government industries in this entire territory were not harmed, and theories that one of these places had been blow up were set at naught.

When it developed that the explosion did not occur in Chattanooga, towns in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama were communicated with in an effort to trace the report, but the information thus obtained failed to throw any light on the mystery.

The bright light and then the exsiosity was rampant. Trenton, Ga.; La Fayette, High Point, Menlo and Rossville, all Georgia towns, and Valley Head, Ala., forty-two miles from here, felt the terrific shock and the ball of light caused the people to wonder. With the minds of humanity dwell-ing upon the serious business of war and the problems arising in connec-

the terrible conflict, it was quite naturally thought by many that t German airplane had dropped a missile of death as it traveled thre been demolished by German sympa-Then, too, the thought arose that

there might have been trouble at Fort Oglethorpe, but communication with the army post brought forth the infor-mation that all was well with Uncle Sam's forces there and nothing star-it. The flash was of sufficient brighttling had happened.

An operator at the Read house, in describing the phenomenon, said that

she heard a roaring sound, then came a flash of light which was first pink, then green, and that when the light died away an explosion occurred What was it?

Was it at Contewan.
Was anybody killed?
These and numerous other questions were asked by the curious—and practically everybody in this whole section was curious—in their efforts to get some line on the unusual incident.
Telephones rang and neighbors discussed the explosion and the flash of

What caused it? Where did it occur Was it at Coltewah?

A tremendous explosion that shook stopped their daily tasks to inquir At press time for The News Wednes day afternoon the explosion was still

Eager for Explanation. Probably no occurrence in Chattanooga in many years has aroused as curiosity as did the explosion

of Wednesday morning. Bright and early felephone calls began coming in to The News office in regard to the detonation, and the caliers were eager to know what it was, what caused it, where it took and whether it could have been a German bomb.

It was frequently inquired if the explosion did not occur at Fort Ogle-thorpe, where thousands of Uncie Sam's khaki-clad men are in train-ing for a shot at Kalser Bill. Not Powder Mill. A large powder mill is located at

word from Washington, is that a me-, explosion took place in that town, but when Coltewah was called the powder mill was found to be unharmed. but the shock that caused Chattanoogans to wonder had the same effect Residents of Ooltewah were first at-

tracted by a bright light; then came a tremendous report that shook houses and caused windows to rattle. Tounder and lightening were attributed as the cause of the phenomenon. Heard for Miles.

The little town of Daisy was als disturbed by the report and the bridge light was seen there. The explosion was not heard at

Cleveland and Copperhill. When the army post was called it was stated at the other end of the line that no unusual noise had been Rossville, Ga., felt the force

shock, and the the flash of light was seen by residents of that place. Telephone communication with La-Fayette, Ga., developed that what appeared to be a meteor passed over the town about 6 c'clock, traveling southward. Shortly after the large ball of light was seen, a loud report broke the quictude of the morning, and the thought spraig into a few minds German bomb had been dropped from the skies.

The report was heard at High Point, Ga., on the line of the Tennessee, Alabama & Georgia railway Possiply Near Menlo

At Menio and Summerville the same terrific shock was felt, and it was stated that it came from the section northwest of these places. Residents of the section east of Mis-sionary ridge, including Ryall Springs

ss to lliuminate houses. Worley resident said be thought it People residing on Sand mountain in the vicinity of Valley Head, Ala, came into that town morning inquiring what the explosion was They felt the force of the far, and so did residents of Valley Head, who also saw the light and wondered what it all meant. The Alabama town

is forty-two miles distant from Chat-Inquiry at stations along the A. G. S., the C., N. O. & T. P. and Knoxville divisions of the Southern railway divisions of the Southern railway

I the explosion and the flash of terious noise. The report war not that preceded it, and expressed heard in Oakdale; neither did it dis-various opinions; housewives turb Birmingham, Ala,